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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 3.

1. USSR- JAPANESE COOPERATION ON SIBERIAN NATURAL RESOURCES

JAPAN'S AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW MET WITH BREZHNEV MARCH 6 TO DELIVER A LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER TANAKA ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET- JAPANESE RELATIONS. EMBASSY TOKYO REPORTS THAT, INTER ALIA, TANAKA INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO EXPEDITE CREDIT FOR THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF SIBERIA'S NATURAL RESOURCES.

WITH RESPECT TO THE ABOVE PORTION OF TANAKA'S LETTER, BREZHNEV STATED IN AN ORAL RESPONSE THAT THE SOVIET UNION ATTACHES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO NATURAL GAS AND PETROLEUM, THAT THE USSR HAS SUFFICIENT CAPABILITY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO DEVELOP THESE RESOURCES INDEPENDENTLY, BUT THAT IT DESIRES TO COOPERATE WITH JAPAN- HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS HOLDING UP AN AGREEMENT COULD BE OVERCOME AND STATED THAT THE USSR IS PREPARED TO SUPPLY THESE RESOURCES FOR 30-40 YEARS ON A

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BASIS OF MUTUALITY. (SECRET) TOKYO 2617,3/6; 2835, 3/10
(EXDIS). SEE ALSO MOSCOW 2607 ADDRESSED TO PARIS.

2. US- REPUBLIC OF CHINA TRADE

REPUBLIC OF CHINA AMBASSADOR SHEN CALLED ON SECRETARY ROGERS MARCH 8 TO CONVEY A SERIES OF HIS GOVERNMENT' S " CONCERNS" IN THE WAKE OF US CHINA POLICY MOVES. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY THE SECRETARY ABOUT TAIWAN' S ECONOMY, SHEN STATED THAT TAIPEI WAS AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF HAVING TOO FAVORABLE A BALANCE OF TRADE WITH THE US AND WAS SENDING A TRADE MISSION IN THE HOPE OF INCREASING PURCHASES BY FOUR OR FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS.
(SECRET) STATE 044758, 3/9 (EXDIS).

3. THE SOVIETS ON TERRORISM

ANALYZING A PRAVDA ARTICLE WHICH QUOTES PRESIDENT NIXON' S RECENT REMARKS ON TERRORISM, EMBASSY MOSCOW SURMISES THAT THE SOVIETS INFORMALLY SUPPORT OUR POSITION OF RESISTANCE TO TERRORIST BLACKMAIL. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
MOSCOW 2568, 3/9.

4. MBFR: ALLIES AGREE AT LAST

AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD REPORTS THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT THE MARCH 9 MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL TO PROBE THE SOVIETS INFORMALLY ABOUT THE US FORMULA THAT THE QUESTION OF HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE TALKS BE HELD IN ABEYANCE. MOREOVER, THE ALLIES ARE CLOSE TO AGREEING THAT NATO SHOULD SEEK AN AGENDA ITEM WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE ALLIES CLEARLY TO DEAL WITH WAYS TO PREVENT CIRCUMVENTION OF MBFR AGREEMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. (CONFIDENTIAL) USNATO 1242, 1243, 3/9.

5. PANAMANIAN BOX SCORE

PANAMA' S PERMANENT UN REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCED MARCH 9
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THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF COSTA RICA, COLOMBIA, VEN-

EZUELA, ECUADOR, CUBA, PERU, PANAMA, GUYANA AND JAMAICA
WILL ATTEND THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN PANAMA WHICH
IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON MARCH 15. ROGERS

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